the District Medical Officers from giving sufficient attention to the main work of attending to the patients and the efficient running of the hospitals; and

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to appoint additional special staff to the headquarters hospital in all the districts for attending to the said work and to assist the District Medical Officers in their general supervision work?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) No, Sir."

Number of nurses trained during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54.

* 104 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of nurses who have been trained during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54; and

(b) the number of trained nurses who have been appointed during that period?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) 1952 .. 161

	1953	226
	1954 (up to the end of June 1954)	100
" (b)	1952	58
	1953	137
	1954 (up to the end of June 1954)	76 "

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" Sir, will the Government see that the further training of nurses is stopped till all the trained nurses are appointed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, from time to time, additional posts of nurses are being sanctioned."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Sir, how many of these are male nurses? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Men nurses form only a small proportion."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, if these trained nurses remain without employment, will they not be troubling the Hon. Minister with their deputations? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, they will be troubling the Ministers as well as the hon. Members also."

Veto by the Health Minister of the resolutions of the Public Health Board.

* 105 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there are any instances in which he as the Minister has vetoed the resolutions of the Board of Public Health passed under his chairmanship?